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## Happy Thanksgiving

As you know Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving Day, is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, and has been an annual tradition in the United States since 1863. Thanksgiving was historically a religious observation to give thanks to God for helping the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony survive their first brutal winter in New England. Although we celebrate one day, the first Thanksgiving feast lasted three days providing enough food for 53 pilgrims and 90 Native Americans. The feast consisted of fowl, venison, fish, lobster, clams, berries, fruit, pumpkin, squash, beetroot and turkey.

I cannot visit each of you and feast for three days this Thanksgiving and I don't think any of you will have 53 pilgrims and 90 Native Americans over either. But I can say THANK YOU for all you have done for NCAE and the children of your county.

- Thank You for being a member of NCAE
- Thank You for helping that child who needs special attention.
- Thank You for providing a child lunch money when you really didn't have it to give.
- Thank You for calling the NCAE Foundation when Sally needed glasses and her parents could not afford them because they were laid off in this tough economy.
- Thank You for emailing or calling your legislator to say Fund Schools First.
- Thank You for in advance for the two new members you will recruit in January during our pro-rated dues campaign.

If I was Arabic I would say *"Shukran Gazillan"*

If I was Australian, I would say *"Thoinks, Moite"*

If I was French, I would say *"merci"*

If I was German, I would say *"Danke sehr"*

If I was Spanish, I would say *"Gracias"*

But I'm just a southern UniServ Consultant who appreciates all the things you guys do so *"Thanks y'all"* for everything. You are making a difference, whether or not you feel like you are. The way you touched someone's life made a difference. Your smile, your encouraging word, your willingness to just be "emotionally present" with another, has touched people in more

ways than you realize.

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## Questions & Answers received lately!!!

### **This is American Education Week why do we celebrate this?**

Public education provides the ties that bind us together in our diverse society. American Education Week, November 14-20, is a time to reflect on the accomplishments of teachers and Educational Support Professionals, and the tremendous role they play in serving students and providing the 21st century skills and knowledge needed to become informed and productive citizens.

### **Why do you always push public schools over private schools?**

Public education provides the foundation of our society. Public schools strengthen our democracy and our student's ability to participate in decision-making that impact our communities and our lives.

### **There seems to be a great demand on teacher's time, how do they survive under the pressure?**

Despite the ever changing demands on the teaching profession, teachers continue to maintain a strong focus on improving student achievement by implementing a wide range of reform initiatives and innovative teaching practices that ensure every student receives the best education possible. NCAE members do amazing things everyday for students, the profession, and our society. It's these heroes that make the real difference in students' lives; they are not waiting on Superman.

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**One of my favorite quotes is by Pat Conroy from his book Prince of Tides:**

*“There is no word in the language I revere more than teacher. My heart sings when a kid refers to me as his teacher, and it always has. I’ve honored myself and my whole family by becoming one.”*